

RECREATIONAL TRAIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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Agenda

- Recreational Trails grant program (RTP)
“How to Develop a Competitive Proposal”
- Trail Project Development Strategies



Learning Objectives

- Identify the “recreational trails” grant program and evaluate how agencies can increase and enhance trail experiences through grant funding opportunities.
- Provide insight into basic trail development strategies, techniques and pitfalls.

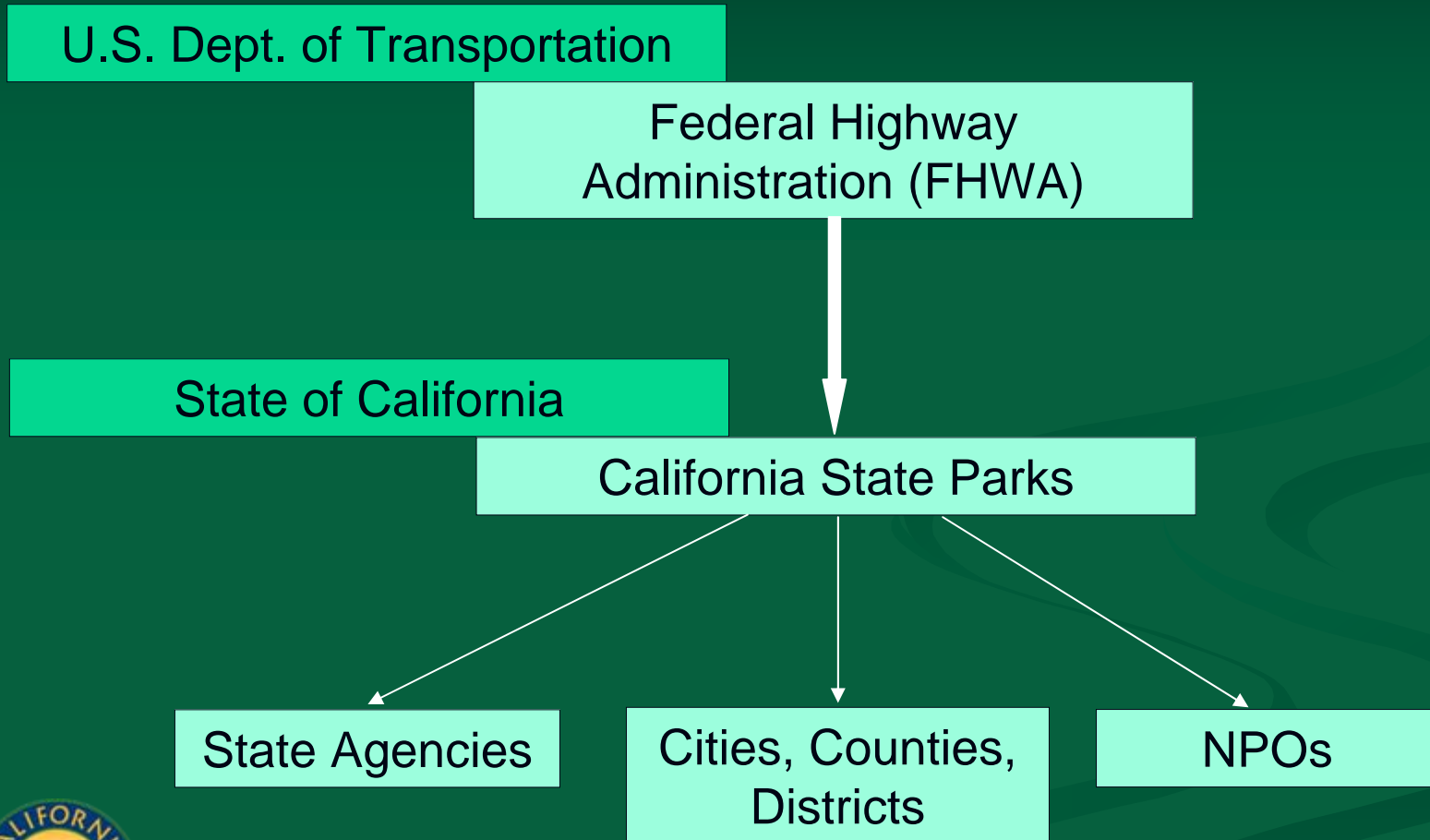


The RTP's Purpose

To develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.



RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)





RTP Funds

From the Federal Highway Trust Fund

Represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use:

**Fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles,
all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles,
and off-highway light trucks.**





RTP Funds

Distributed to the States by Legislative Formula

Half of the funds are distributed
equally among all States.

Half are distributed in proportion to the estimated
amount of non-highway recreational
fuel use in each State.



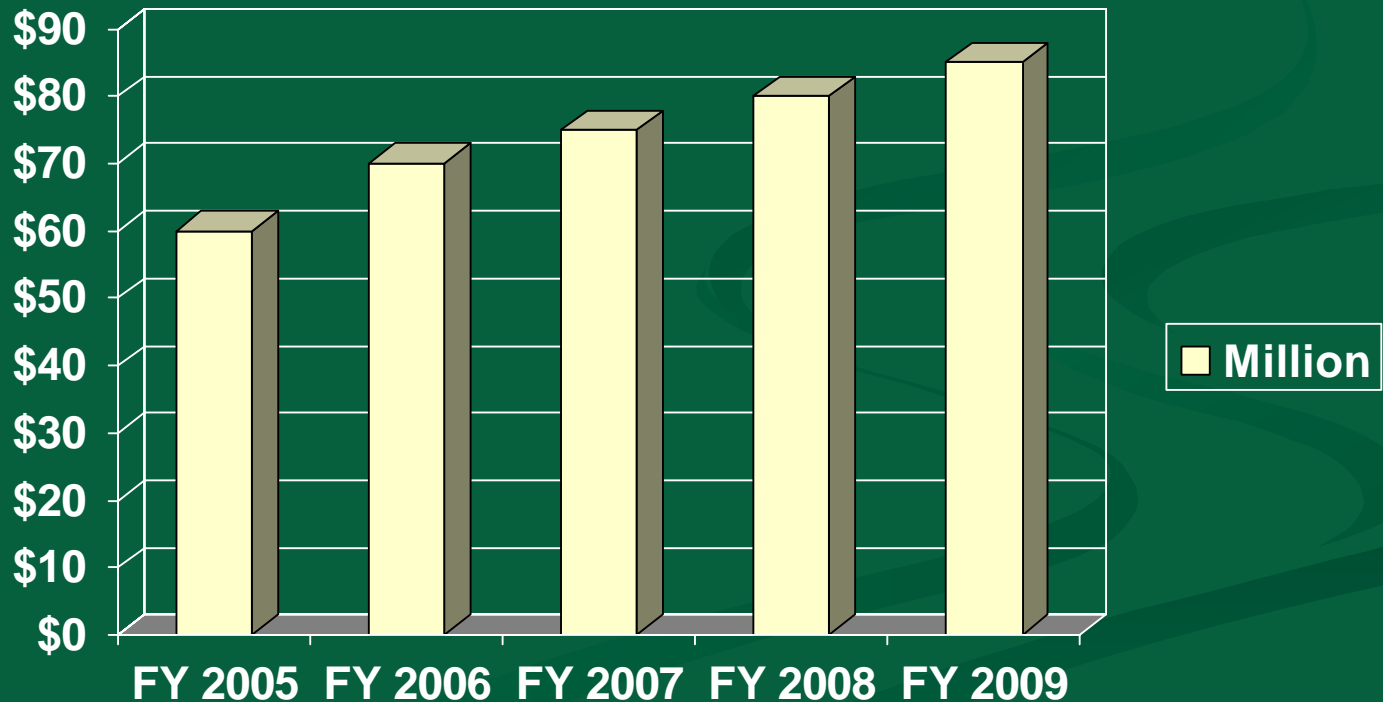
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

SAFETEA-LU

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users

Enacted August 10, 2005 as Public Law 109-59

Nationwide

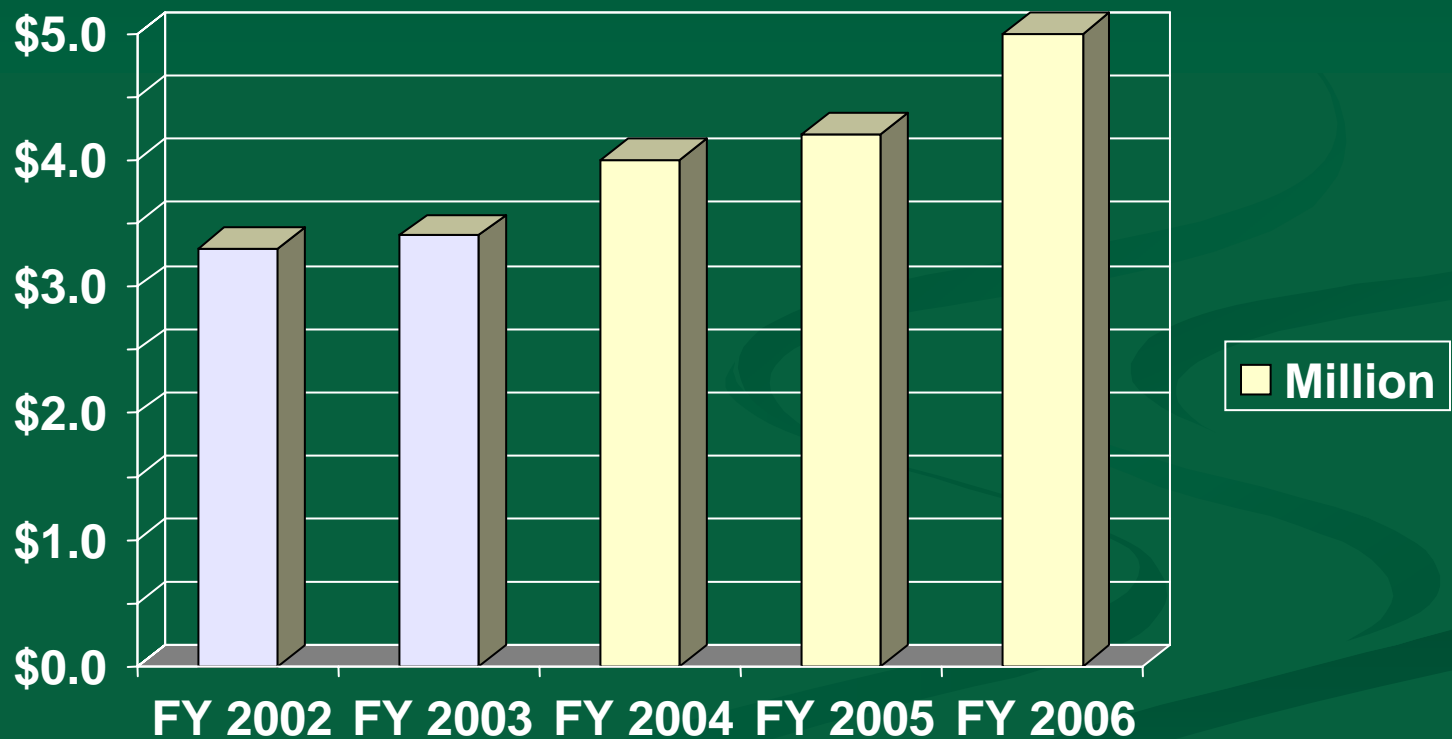


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Allocations for CA

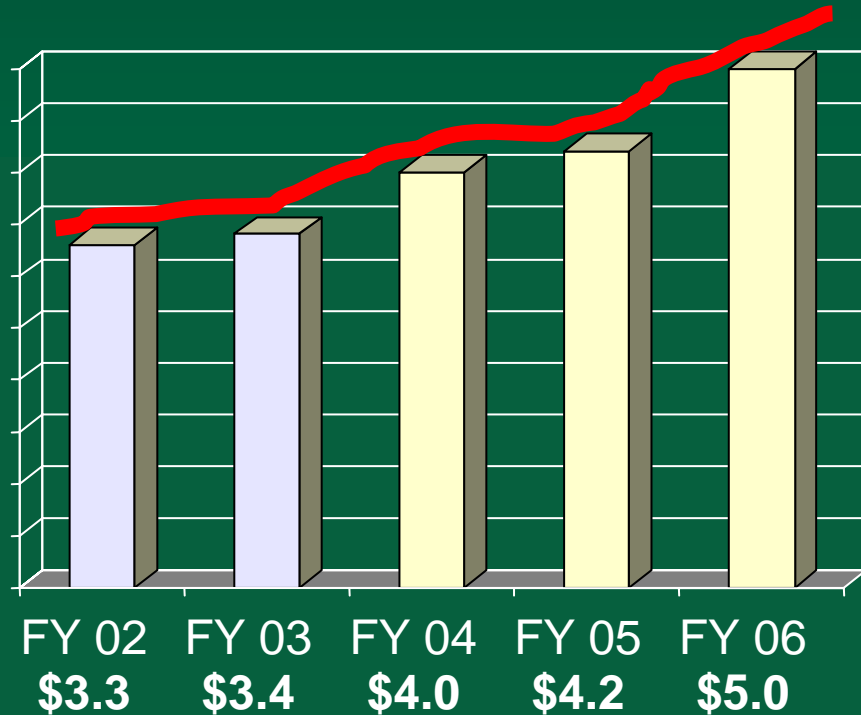
For Administrative Costs and Project Funding: TEA-21 vs. SAFETEA-LU

Statewide

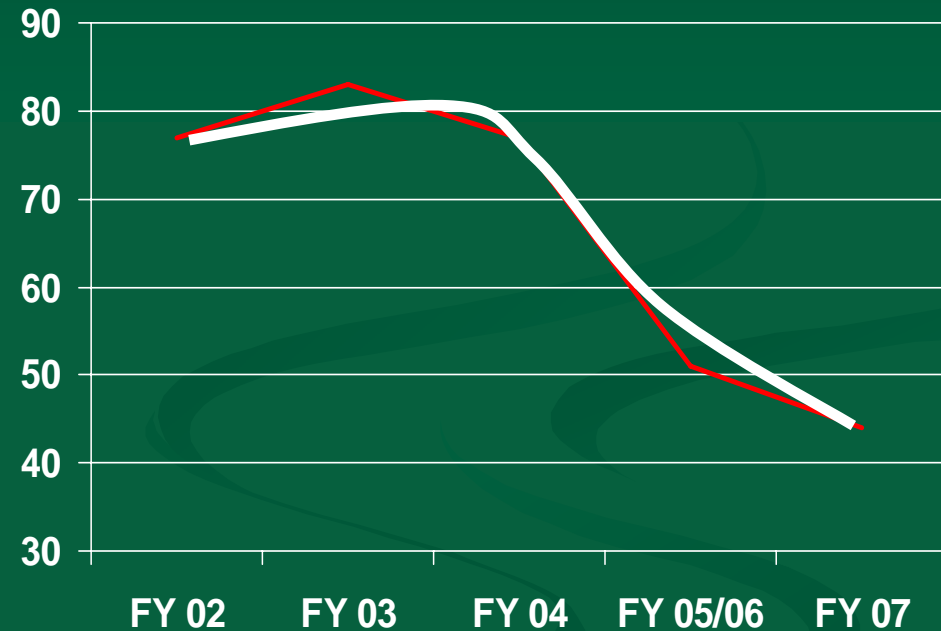


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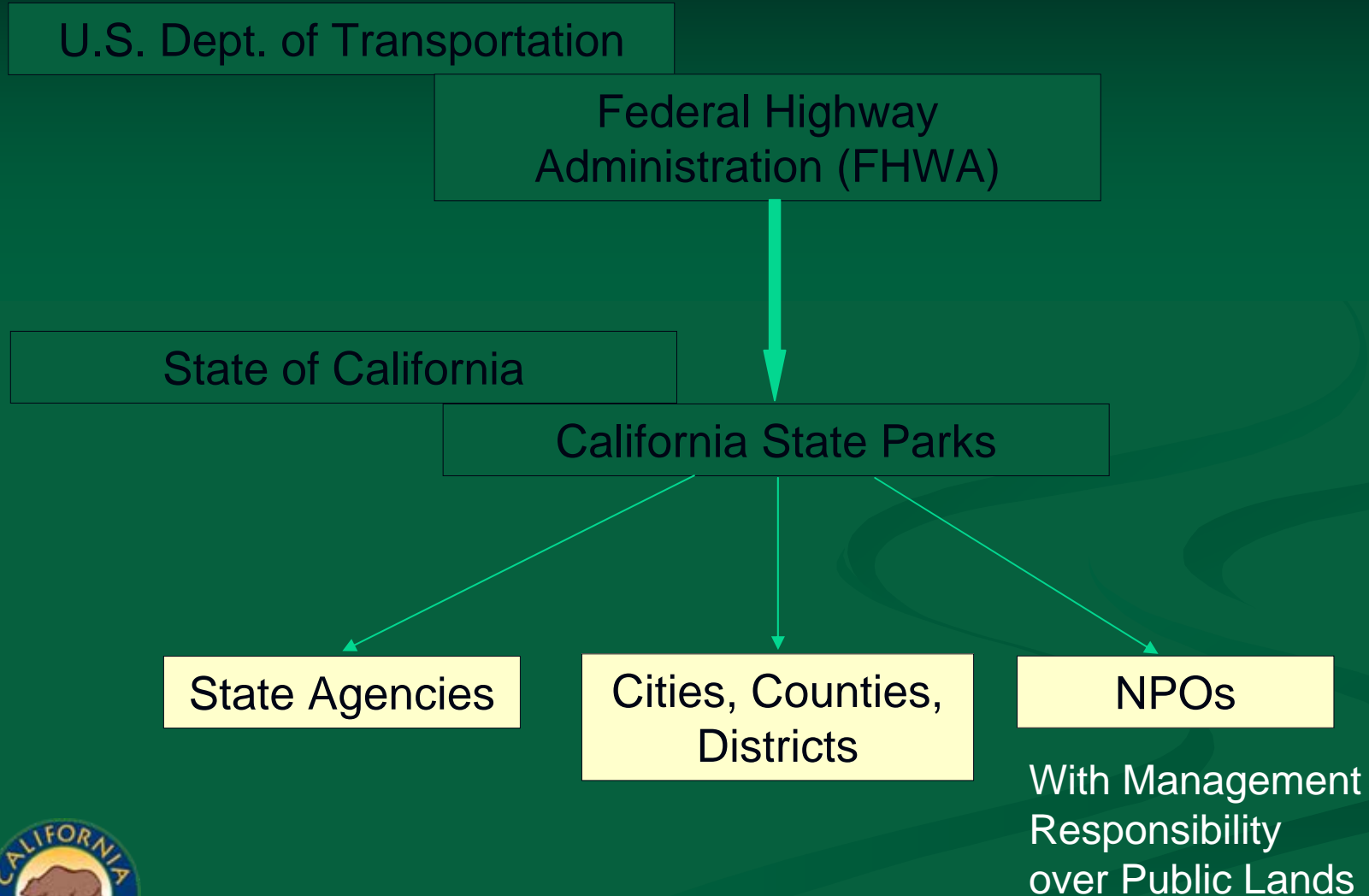
Allocations for CA in millions



of Non-Motorized Applications Received



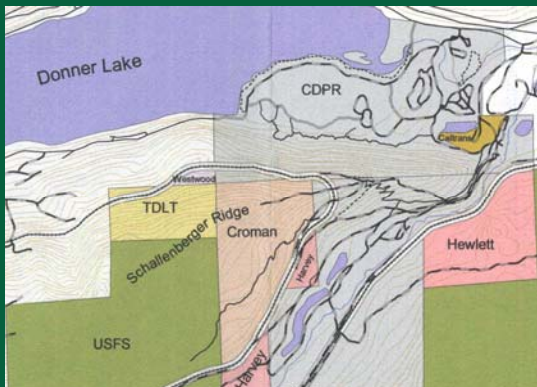
RTP Applicants



RTP - Eligible Projects

NON-MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition.
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Construction of new trails.



Eligible Projects

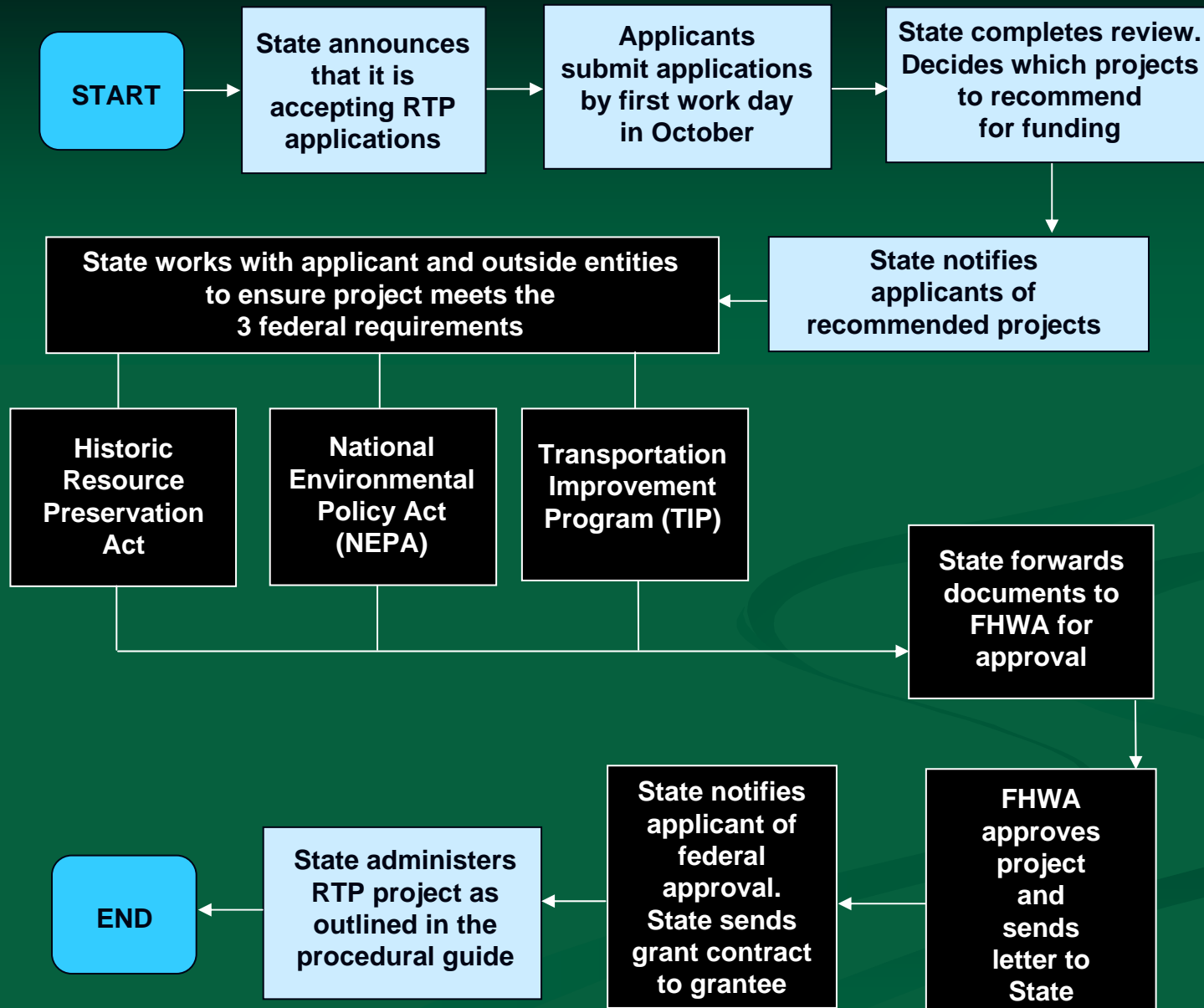


MOTORIZED PROJECTS

- Acquisition.
- Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities.
- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails.
- Purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment.
- Safety programs.



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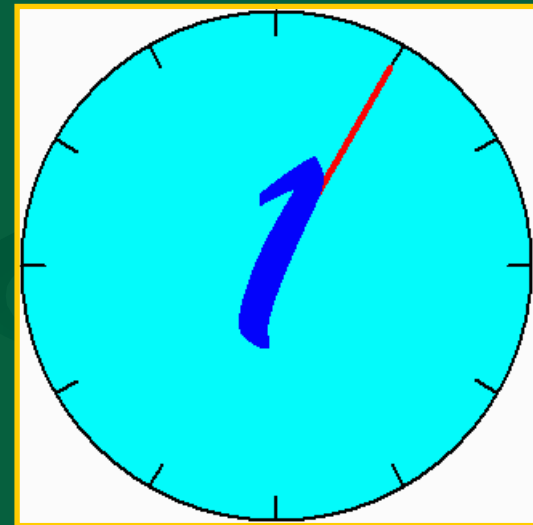




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Application Cycle

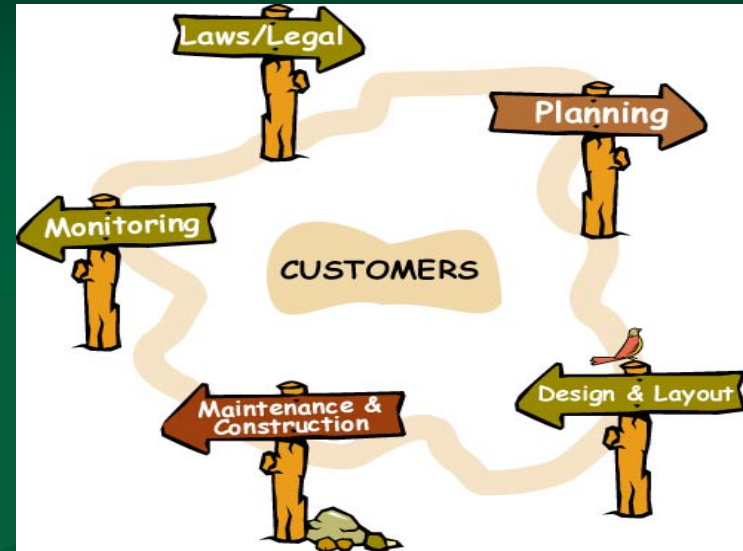
- How Many People Have Projects for this October's RTP Cycle?
- Is Your Project Ready to Go?
- Let's Consider What is Needed for a Successful Grant Proposal...



Forward Planning Elements

Project Plans

- Project Budget
- Good Representation on the Ground



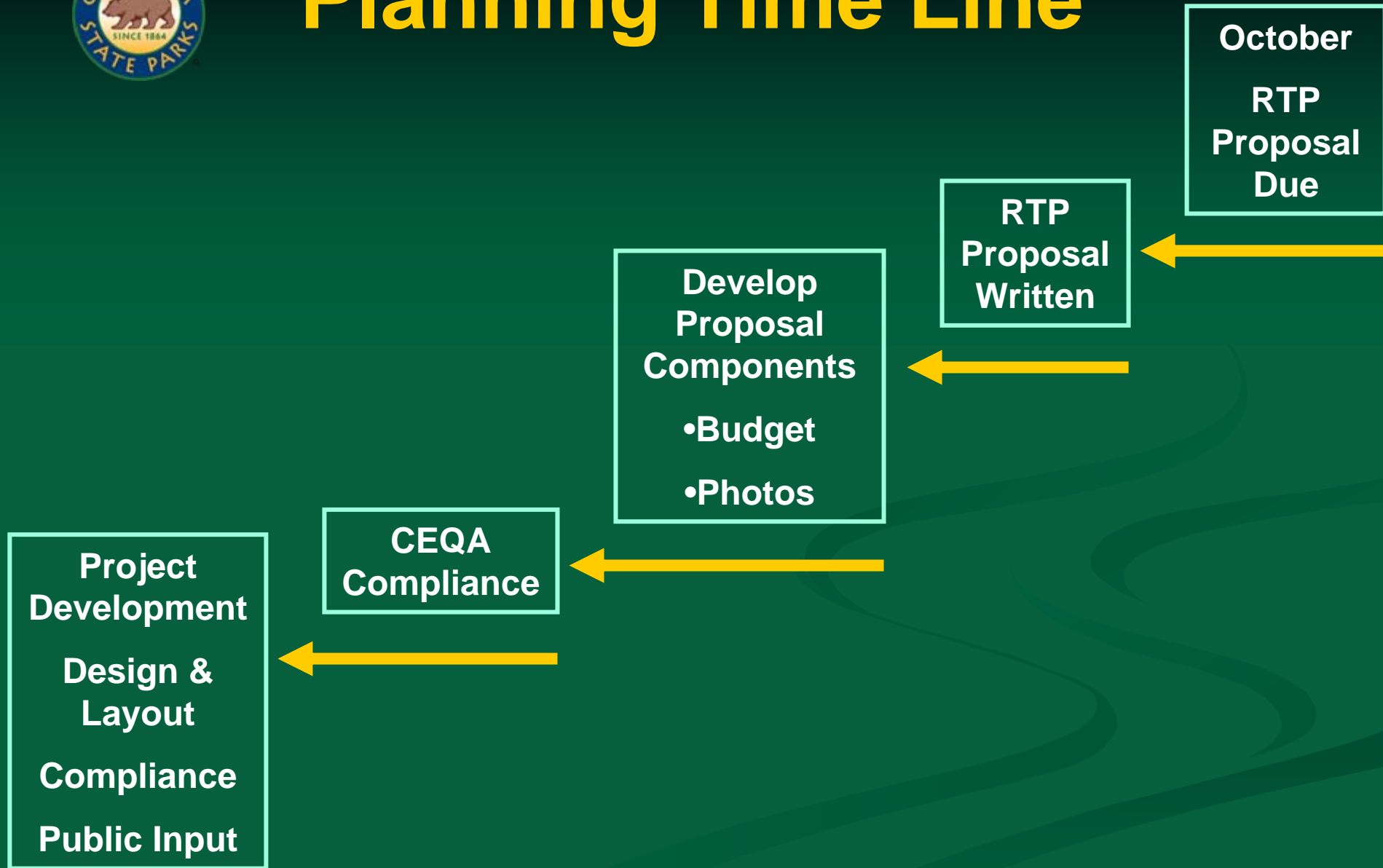
Elements Of Public Involvement

CEQA Determination





Planning Time Line



December January February March April May June July August September October

RTP Procedural Guide

Old Guide

- Publish Date = March 1999
- Provisions from Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)
- Basic Detail

New Guide

- Target Publish Date = June 2006
- Provisions from SAFETEA-LU
- More Detail

Procedural Guide
for the

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Under the Federal
Safe. Accountable. Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act:
A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)



Partial
List

Application Package

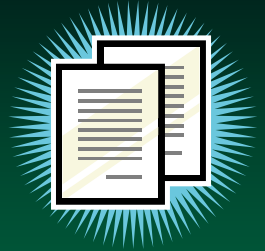
Tips about these Key Items



- Application Form
- Project Summary and Project Proposal
- CEQA Documents
- Cost Estimate
- Site Plan, Project Location Map, Topo Map
- Photos



Application Package



Application Form

- Use appropriate form: Non-Motorized or Motorized.
- Limit information to what is requested.
- Grant Scope = “What the project is”.

“Do” = Describe what project is.

“Don’t” = Include merits of the project.

Merits of the project can be explained in the Project Proposal.



Application Package

Project Summary and Project Proposal

■ **Summary:**

Provide brief, one-page overview of applicant's intentions regarding the project.

■ **Proposal:**

Respond fully to each question or statement.
If portions are not applicable, state N/A.

- New Guide Requirement = # of pages is limited.
- Project merits can be addressed throughout the project proposal.



Application Package

California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA

- Must be complete at time of application.



Application Package

Cost Estimate

- List all “project components”.
- Must be consistent with CEQA, Grant Scope, and Site Plan.
- Show “Required Match” amount and source(s).
 - Match amount reduced to 12% under SAFETEA-LU.





Application Package

Cost Estimate

“Don’t”

Cost Estimate for Sunnyside Trail

Trail Development

\$ 88,000

Required Match (from City)

\$ 12,000

Total Project

\$100,000



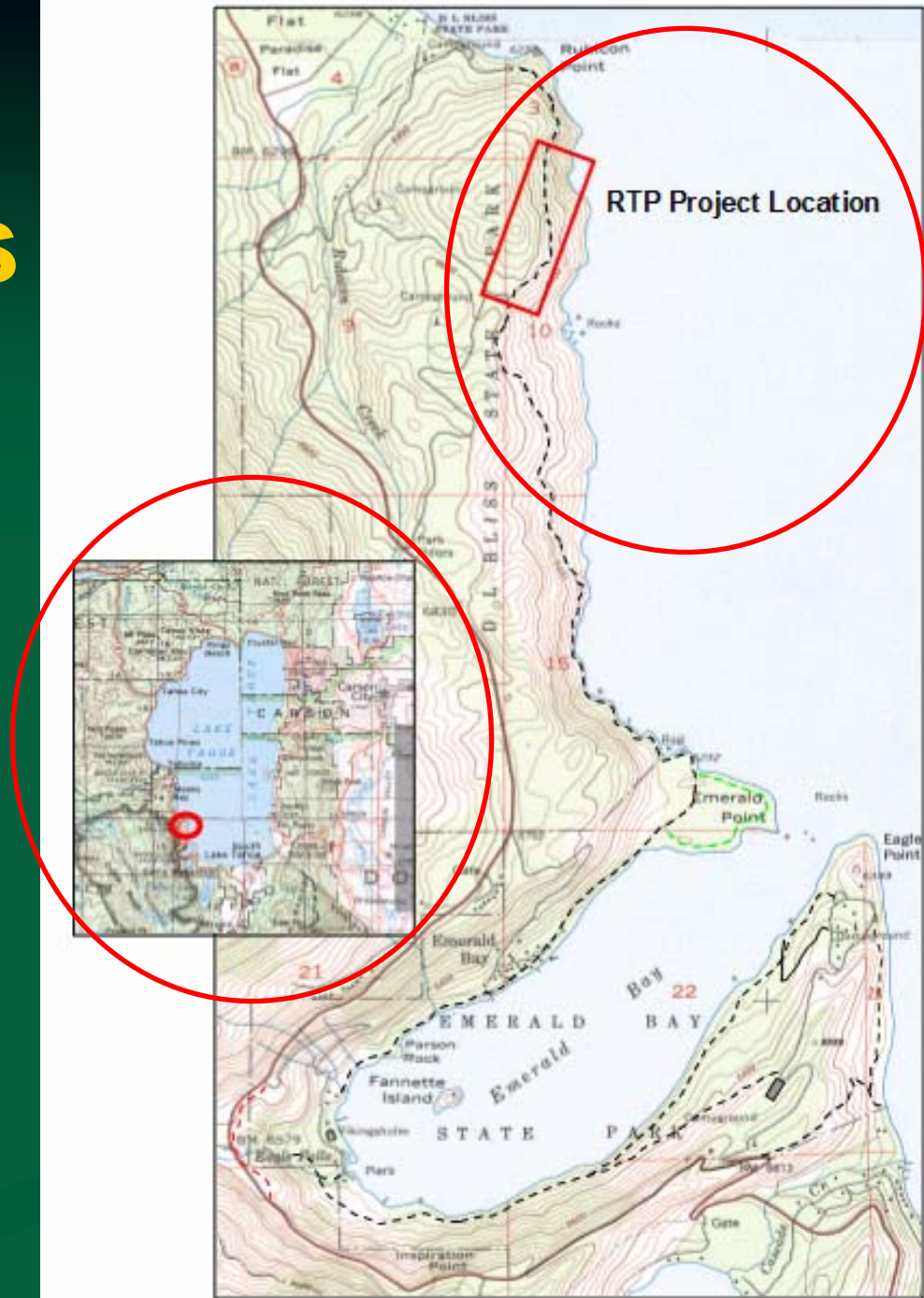
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Site Plan, Project Location Map, Topo Map



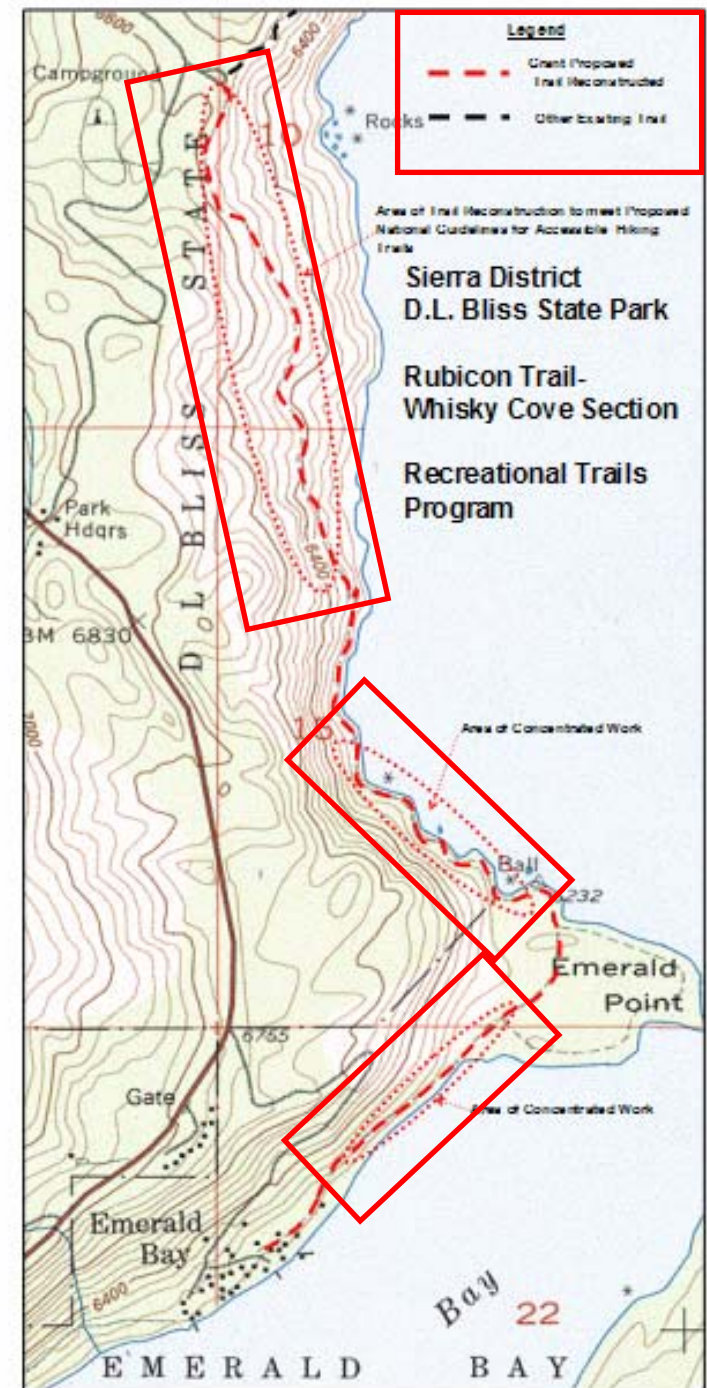
Project Location Maps

- Give Good Regional Location
- Identify the Project Location on the Regional Map
- Simple “Off the Shelf” Topographic Programs Work



Detail Work Locations on Project Maps

- Help Grant Reviewer to Visualize Your Project
- Use Identifiable Legend
- Display Project Work Area Clearly



Show Linkages

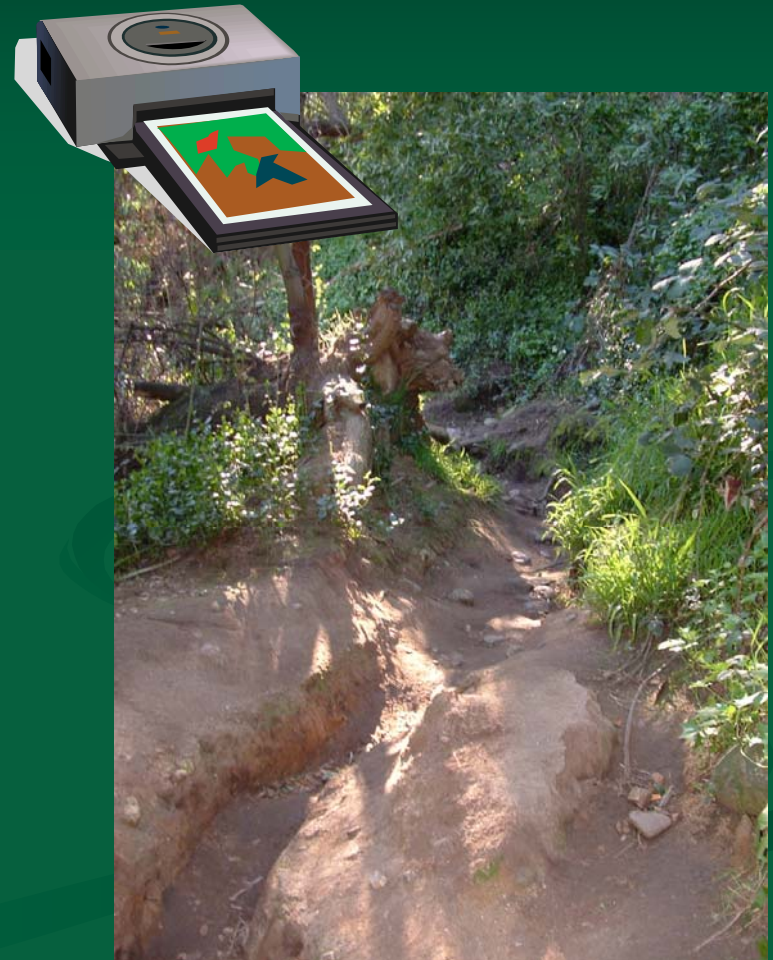
- Regional Connectivity to Trail Systems
- Connectivity to Transit
- Completing In-Park System Routing
- Show the Importance of Your Project's Connection



Application Package

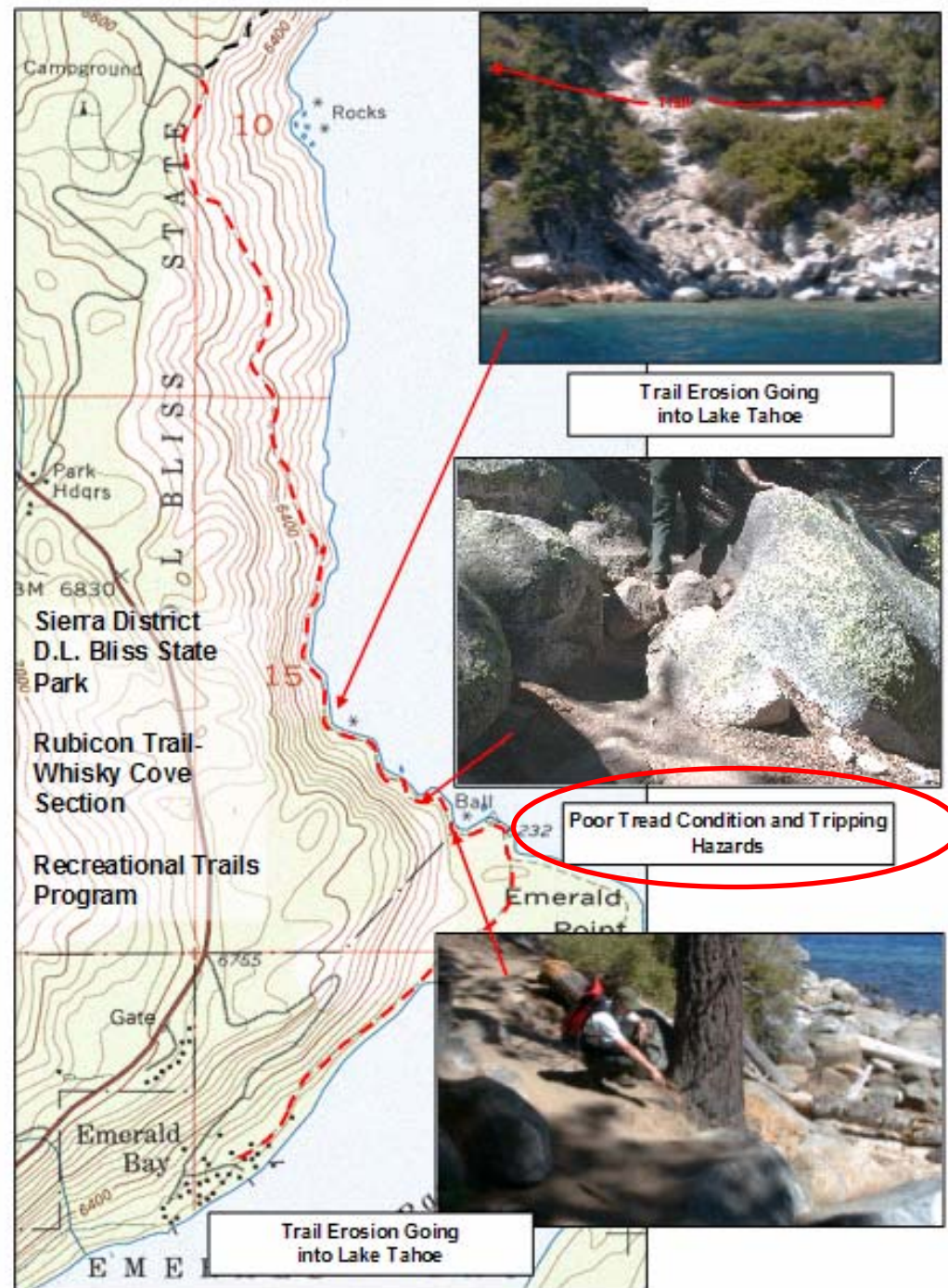
Photos

- Show major work locations.
- Show adequate detail where grant work will occur.



Tie Project Photos to Work Project Maps and Site Plan

- Help Grant Reviewer to See Project Deficiencies
- Caption Photos for Reference



Trail Development Strategies

New RTP Updated Grant Guidelines

- Review Changes
- Aspects of Good Grant Application Packages

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Trail Development Strategies





New and Expanded Concepts Featured in the Updated **RTP Procedural Guide**

- Deficiency
- Accessibility
- Sustainable Design
- Management Capacity



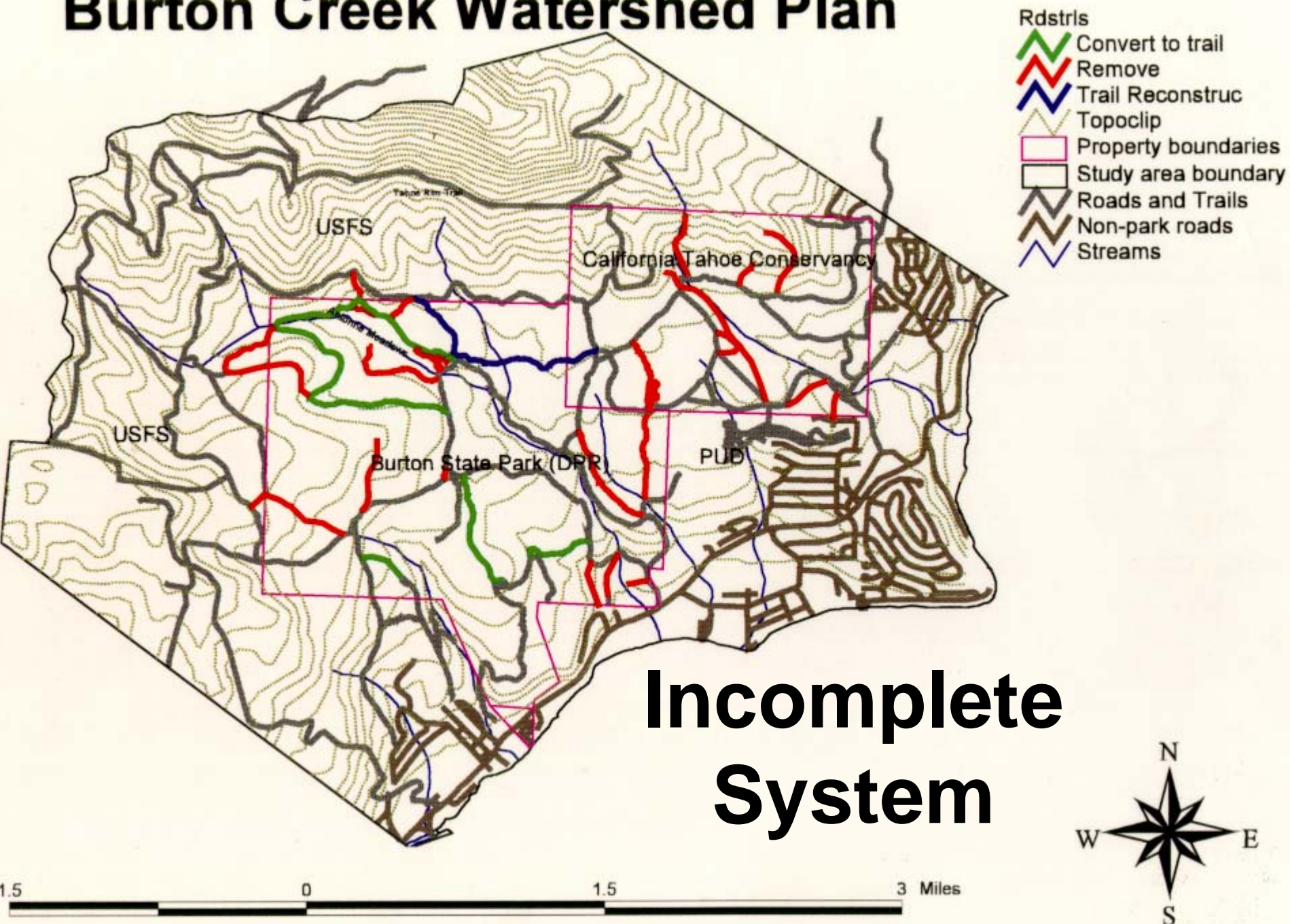
Deficiency

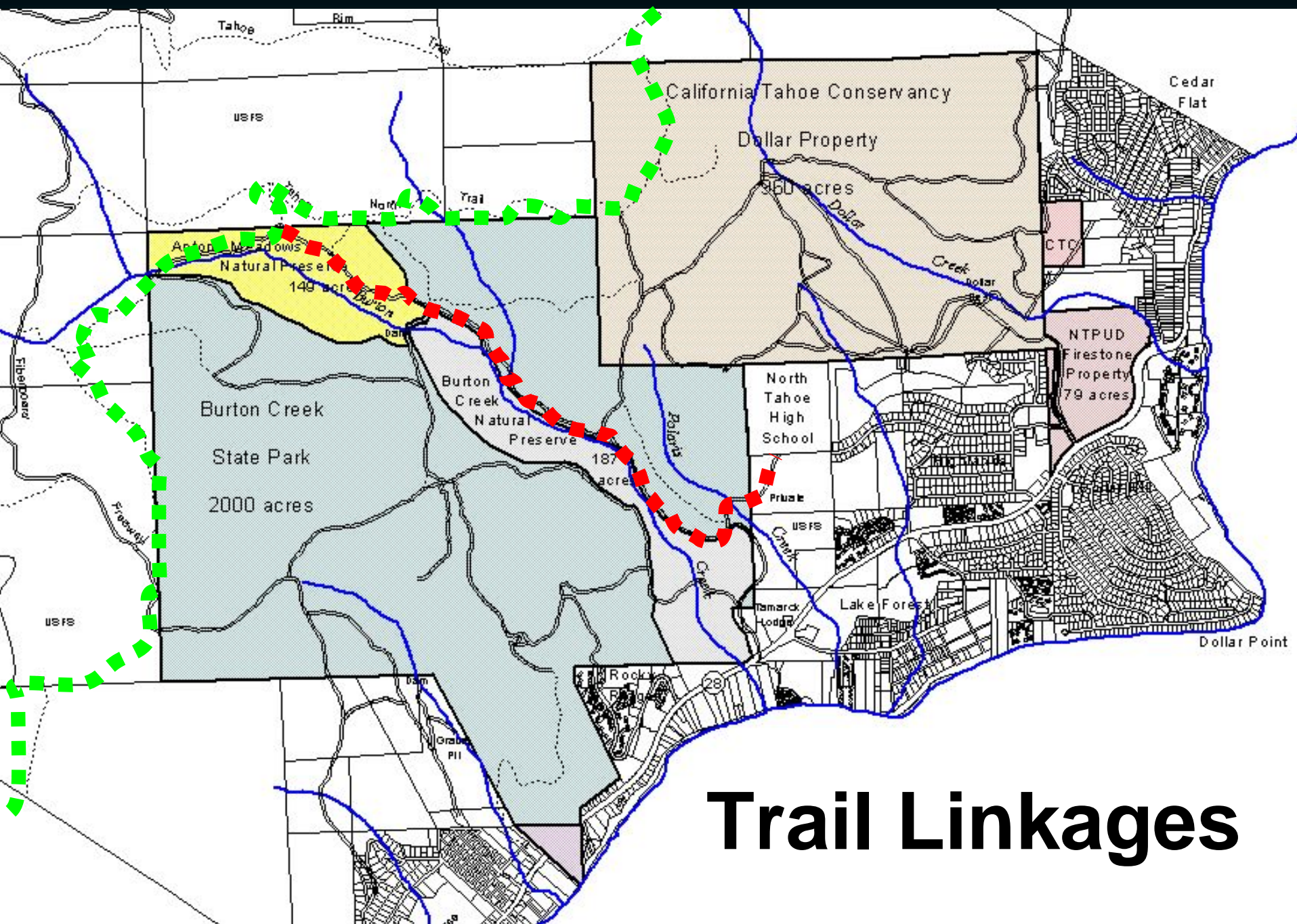
Provides Incremental Improvements to Linkages in Areas Lacking Connections

- Can be New Trail or Rehabilitation of Incomplete Trail that Completes a Network
- Regional or In-Park System Fixes
- Deficiency can be from Poor Design or Construction Which Resulted in Impact to Natural or Cultural Resources



Burton Creek Watershed Plan





Trail Linkages

Deficiency Can Be Caused by Resource Impacts on a Trail that is an Important Link



Accessibility



- Will the Project Provide Access to Persons with Disabilities?



- Does the Project Meet the Response for Departmental Access Board Guidelines for Recreational Trails?

Sustainable Design



Sustainable Design





Management Capacity



- Use of Local Youth Corps
- CCC or Other Service Corp

TRAIL WORK LOG

Trail: *Azalea Glen Trail (Cuyumaca Rancho State Park)*

Logged 7/21/2005

Feet	Action	Feature	Size/Qty			Units	Comment
			L	H	W		
	Main Trail						
0	Construct	Trail	6			lf	Start of Trail
6	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)	249			lf	Start of crown, 4" of fill for causeway
255	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)					End of crown
255	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)	360			lf	Start of outslope
615	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)					End of outslope
615	Construct	Trail	1254			lf	Start of Reroute bench construction
615	Brush	Heavy	10			lf	
728	Construct	Fence					End two rail fence
809	Tree Removal	Heavy	45			ft	40" Dia Dead Oak
1176	Excavate	Rock	3	2	4	cf	
1333	Construct	Bridge	27				Right bank, Construct standard bridge
1368	Remove	Down Tree					12" Dia
1399	Construct	Armored Drain Dip	10	1	4	cf	
1869	Construct	Trail					End of trail Reroute
1869	Remove	Down Tree					
1869	Construct	Causeway (Wall less)	353			lf	Start

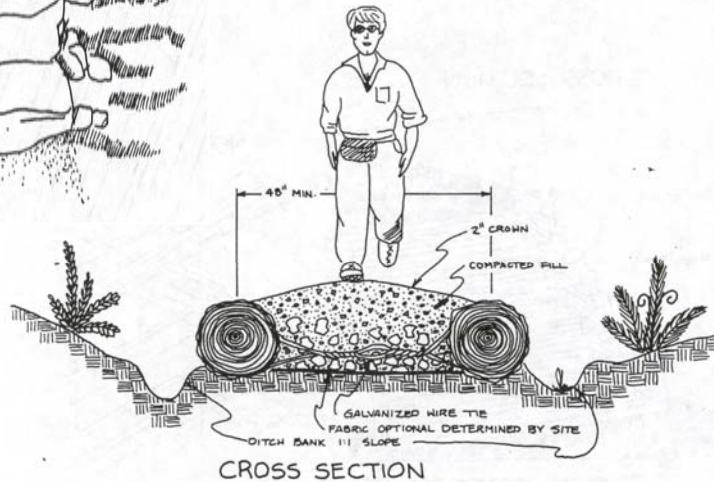
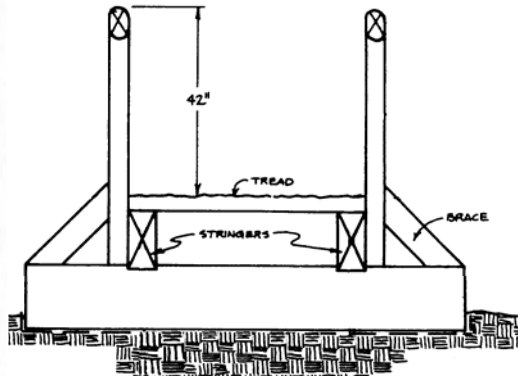
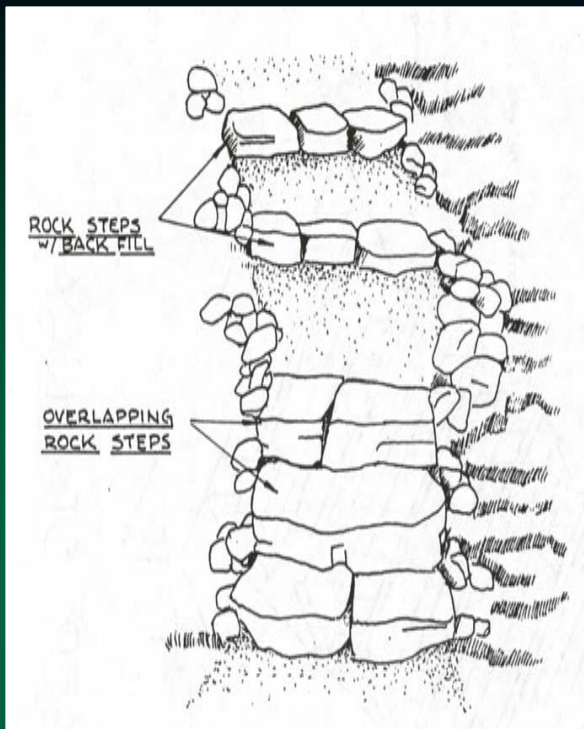
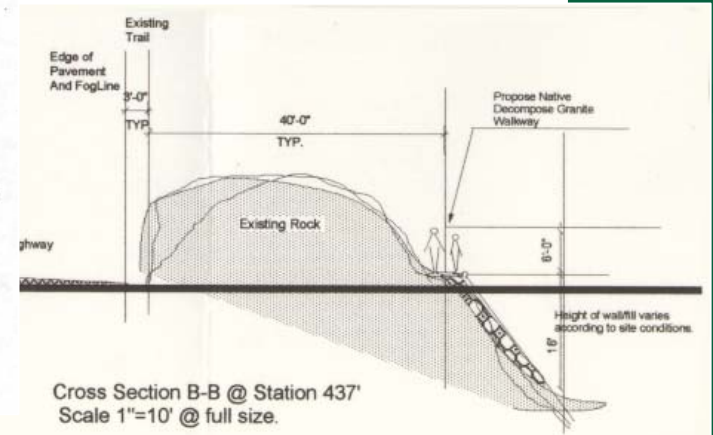
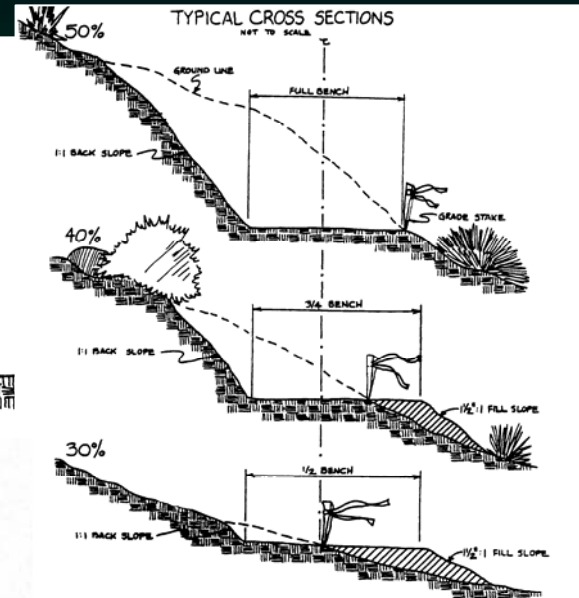


Figure 9.10

Exhibit "A"



Refer to Design Specifications and Proposed Solution Typical Drawings

Federal Requirements



- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Historic Preservation Act (Section 106)
- Listing of the project in a State or Local Transportation Improvement Program (STIP/TIP).

“Do or Don’t” Exercise

1. **Grant Scope** = Include merits of the project. *Do or Don’t?*
2. **Project Proposal** = Respond to each question/statement.
Do or Don’t?
3. **CEQA** = Complete CEQA by the application due date.
Do or Don’t?



“Do or Don’t” Exercise

4. **Cost Estimate** = Just show the total. *Do or Don’t?*

5. **Site Plan** = Limit to just the start and end of the trail.
Do or Don’t?

6. **Photos** = Include all major control points.
Do or Don’t?



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